

Broadhembury Parish Council

Minutes of a Virtual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st July 2020 using the Zoom platform at 7.30p.m..

Present: Cllrs. B. Nelson (Chairman), Mrs. E. Bradshaw (Deputy) V. Game, N. Howgill, C. Ledward A. McArdle, A. Powell, Mrs. D. Rees, Mr. D. Wicks, K. Granger (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies None

2. Minutes of the last meeting on the 19th May 2020 were signed correct.

3. Matters Arising (dealt with elsewhere) None

4. Public Discussion, Reports, DC, EDDC, Police, None

Cllr. Bradshaw introduced Jackie Rock the new booking secretary for the Memorial Hall, Jackie wondered if our September meeting would be held in the hall, however the Chairman said at this stage we had no idea but we would keep in contact, in response to a question he confirmed that the PC could not undertake to clean after meetings.

5. Planning report: Cllr. Bradshaw reported 4 applications which we all supported however at Colliton Cross we had reservations over the height of the garage so close to the junction with the A,373, suggested EDDC visit.

6. Correspondence (dealt with elsewhere):

7. Concerns from Kerswell residents over the playground/BMX track and community infrastructure levy: Chair invited Mr Ship (Chair Kerswell Residents Assoc.) to speak. He thanked the Chair for his letter. Mr Ship wondered if the scrub(common land) could be cleared and used in future as a play area, as they could not obtain a lease for the existing area for longer than 12 months. A short lease would inhibit development of the play area. Cllr. Nelson replied saying we never wished to give the impression the PC wanted to close the existing play area but had only intended to clarify the position about responsibility and ownership. Cllr. Nelson said in principle we were in agreement with the proposed lease but with only a 1yr. lease no S 106 money would be obtainable. The minimum required would be at least 10 years he said we should offer to purchase the land. Cllr.Nelson said he did not wish to be unsupportive but he believed that the legal work required to secure permission for a play area on common land would be prohibitive and the outcome uncertain. The Chairman asked if Mr Ship had any views on the BMX track and he confirmed he would investigate. The Clerk said a parishioner had complained over the noise and bad language on occasions coming from the track. Cllr. Nelson said 3 Cllrs would look into the lease. Cllr. Powell said playgrounds in general are very important.

8. Highways priority roads: Cllrs. Game & Howgill had met with Highways and identified where the biggest issues were so highways have an idea where the problems are.

9. Dulford traffic initiative: Cllr. Ledward confirmed that he was in discussion with the police over issues there. He confirmed that there were approx.. 15 residents ready for training with cameras, Cllr.Nelson thought speed watch data would be vital to secure the speed calming case.

10. Rural roads traffic and hazards on A.373: Cllr. Game reported on issues over the bend on A.373 near Upton, highways suggested the land owner be approached on the subject. Cllr. Rees to write, possibly to the Crime Commissioner over speeds in rural areas and through the village

11. Grant to Parochial Church council for graveyard maintenance (accounts attached): Grant £350 approved. Cllr. Bradshaw proposed and Cllr. McArdle seconded.

12. Report from CLT sub-committee: The Chair said 4 sub- groups were looking into different aspects of the CLT, the eligibility, the Rules and the affordability questionnaire and would report to the PC in due course.

13. Appointment of Clerk/RFO: Cllr. Nelson said the Clerk wished to retire at the end of September, post to be advertised publicly, He had already thanked the Clerk but there would be another occasion to do so.

14. Review of BMH car park for social distance guide lines: Invited by government over review of our car park over social distancing. Cllrs. said nothing was needed.

15. Approval of Audit (accounts already circulated): Cllr. Game proposed, Cllr. Rees seconded.

16. Litter on roads: Cllr. Nelson said we have seen other road signs around the country and asked if there was anything we could do. Cllr. Game suggested where we know people stop in laybys we could put up relevant signs, Cllr. Powell seconded. It was agreed that we would conduct a pilot study on a section of road to see if initiatives could be extended to the whole parish..

17. Climate alleviation ideas: Cllr. Nelson asked if any of the climate alleviation ideas could be progressed. Work with the school on a tree nursery, planting in the car park and the EV charge point were all initiatives taken but others were on the list. Cllr. Powell said he would be keen to set up a Repair Café and Cllr.Ledward offered to help.

18. September PC meeting: The Chair thought most likely to be virtual but at present it is an unknown. Legal permission for LA's to continue with virtual meetings expired next March.

19. Agreement with BCCIO re-use of car park and land: The Chair said his recollection was that a legal agreement was too expensive and he would explain this to the Trustees. Cllrs. agreed.

20. Review of pandemic response: Cllr. Nelson thanked all our helpers who supported those in need, possibly a note could be put in the magazine.

21. AOB (For information only): Cllr. Ledward asked about a new road sign for Dulford, the Council agreed and this would be looked into, it would also help with the speed issue through the hamlet. Approval to purchase the sign was agreed. Cllr. Rees said the Kerwell style on the footpath was in the hands of EDDC. She also reported on the fallen trees around the path at Stafford Hill. Cllr. Wicks said he was pursuing the S.106 monies. Cllr. Game reported the BT cover at Colliton Cross was damaged.

The Chair then proposed that the meeting continued in private session seconded by Cllr. Bradshaw..The vote was carried with one abstention.

This meeting concluded.